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1. INFO REQUESTED PARA 6 REF A: 724,000 MT INCLUDES 650,000 MT SECOND TIER QUOTA VOTED BY ICNAF PLUS 74,000 MT SQUID QUOTAS EXCLUDED FROM SECOND TIER. 650,000 MT WAS ORIGINALLY VOTED BY ICNAF INCLUDING SQUID, NOTING SCIENTIFIC REPORT WHICH GAVE A RANGE AND NOTED THAT 650,000 MT REPRESENTED A REALISTIC MINIMUM LEVEL TO CORRECT THE INCIDENTAL CATCH PROBLEM AND CAUSE A REDUCTION IN FISHING MORTALITY AND A START TOWARD RECOVERY. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ALSO NOTED THE LARGER THE REDUCTION IN CATCH THE GREATER THE PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS IN STARTING THE RECOVERY OF THE BIOMASS TO LEVELS PROVIDING FOR MSY. 550,000 MT WAS PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION BY US AT JUNE MEETING AND IS PROPOSED AGAIN BY US FOR MONTREAL MEETING.

2.
LL OF ABOVE FIGURES INCLUDE BY-CATCH. IN DECISION TO EXCLUDE SQUID FROM SECOND TIER QUOTA, ICNAF SPECIFICALLY DECIDED THAT BY-CATCH OF OTHER SPECIES IN SQUID CATCHES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE COUNTED IN 650,000 MT SECOND TIER. HOWEVER, THERE IS WIDESPREAD NON- OR UNDER-REPORTING OF

BY-CATCHES; HENCE ACTUAL REMOVALS FROM BIOMASS UNDOUBTEDLY EXCEED REPORTED FIGURES, AND PROBABLY WOULD EXCEED SECOND TIER QUOTA ESTABLISHED FOR 1976.

3. US SCIENTISTS STRESS THAT TOTAL REMOVALS FROM BIOMASS, INCLUDING SQUID, WAS BASIS FOR CALCULATIONS ON SECOND TIER QUOTA. IT WAS ALSO A KEY ELEMENT IN ESTABLISHMENT TWO TIER QUOTA SYSTEM IN FIRST PLACE. THUS US FEELS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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724,000 MT MUST BE CONSIDERED AS TRUE FIGURE DECIDED BY ICNAF, NOT 650,000 MT WHICH SHOWS FORMALLY IN PROPOSAL ADOPTED. 724,000 MT WOULD REQUIRE 10-11 YEAR PERIOD FOR RECOVERY, FAR IN EXCESS OF WHAT US CAN ACCEPT GIVEN OVERFISHING SITUATION. ON RECONSIDERATION IN PERIOD SINCE JUNE MEETING, US SCIENTISTS FEEL SITUATION IS EVEN MORE SERIOUS THAN THEY HAD THOUGHT IN JUNE; HENCE US STRESS ON 550,000 MT PROPOSAL, WHICH AT BEST MEANS AT LEAST FIVE

YEAR RECOVERY. ROBINSON

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED HALIFAX AND MONTREAL.

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